

Educational Services Unit No. 5

Board Minutes

September 25, 2023

The Board of Educational Service Unit No.5 met on Monday, September 25, 2023 at the offices of ESU No. 5 in Beatrice, Nebraska. Roll call was taken. Present were board members Roger Smidt, Vicki Hinz-Ensz, Duane Smith, Jeannine Murphy, Betty Meyer, Carla Loemker, Administrator Brenda McNiff, and Board Recording Secretary Vicki Frerking. Board member Tim McAllister and ESU 5 Treasurer Jan Reimer were absent

Chair Smidt called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. Chair Smidt acknowledged that this was an open meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and notice of such was published in the Beatrice Daily Sun and Hebron Journal Register the week of September 17, 2023.

Duane Smith moved to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of the 2023 Audit engagement letter from Dana F. Cole & Co. for the 2023 audit; seconded by Vicki Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the minutes of the August 2023 meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to approve the August Treasurer's Report and ratify payments in the amount of \$562,644.05; seconded by Vicki Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Old Business:

New Business:

Duane Smith moved to approve the 2023-24 Budget in the amount of \$8,623,691.00; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Roger Smidt moved to set the Final Tax Request at \$1,257,738.86; seconded by Carla Loemker. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Carla Loemker moved to set the levy at 0.015 per \$100.00 valuation; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Duane Smith, Secretary of the Board, signed Board Resolution No. 092523 Setting the Tax Request and Final Levy of Educational Service Unit No. 5.

Duane Smith moved to declare a HP Envy 360 Laptop computer as surplus and sell it to Kelly Garcia for \$200.00; seconded by Betty Meyer. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Jeannine Murphy moved to approve the 2023 Audit Engagement Letter from Dana F. Cole & Co. for the 2023 audit; seconded by Vicki Ensz. Motion passed 6-0 on roll call vote.

Administrative Updates:

Administrator McNiff reported that ESU 5, in partnership with ESUs 4, 6, 9, 11, 18, and 19 has been awarded a grant through the Nebraska ESU Proactive Cybersecurity Risk Management Initiative. The amount of the grant is unknown at this time.

Roger Smidt was excused from the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and Vice Chair Ensz presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Administrator McNiff reported that she will be gathering information on benefits offered to employees as contracts are being negotiated at other ESU's.

Administrator McNiff reported briefly on the progress of the Beatrice Elementary build.

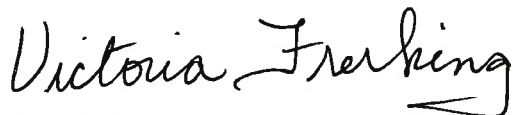
Hamm Glass will be installing two handicap accessible doors at the ESU 5 front entrance this week.

Additional Comment: Carla Loemker, on behalf of the board, commended Administrator McNiff, her sister Hilary Conway, and the ESU 5 staff for the extra effort they have given during the absence of Jan Reimer following her accident.

No one was in attendance to provide public comment on any items.

The next board meeting will be October 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of ESU No. 5.

With no further business, Vicki Ensz moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jeannine Murphy. Motion passed by consensus. Vice Chair Ensz adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



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